

REGULAR MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
June 13, 2011

Deputy Mayor Antonia Moran called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Keane, Kochenburger, Lindsey, Moran, Paulhus, Ryan, Schaefer, Shapiro
Excused: Paterson

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2011 meeting as presented. Motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Lindsey, Mr. Ryan and Mr. Schaefer who all abstained.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Ric Hossack, Middle Turnpike, thanked the Republican Party for petitioning to bring the budget to referendum and expressed dismay at the apathy and indifference of the citizens of the Town. Mr. Hossack stated his objections to the robo calls to get out the vote generated by the Democrats and feels that most Town Council members do a poor job of reviewing the budget.

Omar Kouatly, Fern Road, thanked the Town Manager and the Council on behalf of the neighborhoods of Fern, Scottron and Sheffield Roads for taking action on the Venter Property. Mr. Kouatly urged the Council to address some additional concerns of the neighbors. (Statement attached)

IV. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

In addition to his submitted report the Town Manager offered the following comments:

Item #12 – the Shifrins will attend a future Council meeting to discuss the Mansfield Hollow Energy Project.

Item #17 – The University of Connecticut Scoping meeting regarding additional water supplies will be held on June 28, 2011 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Student Union. Louise Bailey, Mansfield's Library Director will be retiring in September. Mr. Hart expressed his thanks to Louise for all her work for the Town.

Council members discussed the timing of the meeting with EDR to discuss their marketing plans for the Storrs Center Project. Council members agreed they would like to meet with representatives of EDR before the scheduled meeting with the Community Quality of Life Committee in October. It was agreed that Cynthia van Zelm would inquire as to EDR's availability in July or at the latest September.

V. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ms. Moran clarified that the calls regarding the budget referendum were being made by volunteers from the Democratic Town Committee and were not robo calls.

Ms. Moran also noted the passing of Corine Norgaard who had been an active participant in the Town, the University and the Downtown Partnership. She will be missed.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Venter Property, 76 Fern Road

Director of Building and Housing Mike Nintean and the Director of Planning and Development Linda Painter updated Council members on the current condition and past history of the Venter Property. Town Manager Matt Hart stated the Town plans to

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proceed deliberately to correct the existing public safety concerns and develop a long term plan to deal with the environmental issues on the property. Additional steps will require Council review.

2. Financial Statements Dated March 31, 2011

Mr. Ryan moved, effective June 13, 2011, to accept the Financial Statements dated March 31, 2011.

Mr. Ryan, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported the Committee has reviewed these Financial Statements and urged the acceptance by the Council. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Capital Improvement Program Closeouts/Adjustments

Mr. Ryan moved, effective June 13, 2011, to approve the adjustments to the Capital Project fund, as presented by the Director of Finance in her correspondence dated May 9, 2011.

The Finance Committee has reviewed these closeouts and adjustments and urges their acceptance.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Capital Improvement Program Adjustment – Storrs Center Area Improvements

Mr. Ryan moved, effective June 13, 2011, to approve the adjustment to the Capital Projects fund for the Storrs Center Area Improvements project, as presented by the Director of Finance in her correspondence dated June 8, 2011.

Mr. Ryan explained that Finance has set up this account to balance the amounts received from fees and those expended in expenses associated with Storrs Center.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Proposed Resolution of Tolland County Towns to Honor Local African American Revolutionary War Soldier and Support a National Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded, effective June 13, 2011, to authorize the Mayor to issue the attached Resolution Concerning African American Revolutionary War Patriots of Mansfield, Connecticut and the Proposed National Liberty Memorial.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. An Ordinance to Prevent Nuisances in Rental Housing

Town Manager Matt Hart noted the name of the proposed ordinance has been changed to "An Ordinance to Prevent Neighborhood Nuisances." Director of Building and Housing Mike Nintean reviewed the significant changes since the Council last reviewed the proposal and commented the draft has been reviewed by both the Town Attorney and the Attorney for the State Police.

Ms. Moran reported the substance and purpose of the ordinance has been approved by the Community Quality of Life Committee and referenced a letter received for the record from Cynara Stites (letter attached)

Ms. Keane moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to refer the proposed ordinance to the Council's Ad Hoc Ordinance Committee composed of Ms. Lindsey, Mr. Shapiro and Mr. Kochenburger.

The motion passed unanimously and the Committee agreed to try to complete their work by the next Town Council meeting.

7. STEAP Grants: Storrs Center Projects and Four Corners Water and Sewer Project

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Town Council of the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut, authorizes the submittal of 2011 STEAP grant application to the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development for both the Storrs Center development project

and the Four Corners water and sewer project in the amount of \$500,000 and \$425,000 respectively, and that the prioritization of the two applications be Storrs Center (1) and Four Corners (2)

Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. QUARTERLY REPORTS

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IX. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

No comments

X. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Ryan reported the Finance Committee met and has discussed a preliminary memo from the Finance Director establishing criteria for the fund balance and debt service.

XI. PETITIONS, REQUEST AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 8. Mansfield Advisory Committee on Persons with Disabilities re: Gate Policy
- 9. Legal Notice: Notice of Budget Referendum
- 10.D. Dagon re: Response to Incident - Citations will be presented to recognize the heroic efforts of those responding to this accident prior to the next Council meeting.
- 11.G. Padick re: Zoning Permit Application, Storrs Center Parking Garage/Intermodal Center
- 12.K. Rowley re: Mansfield Hydro Electric Project
- 13.C. van Zelm re: Festival on the Green
- 14.C. van Zelm re: Storrs Center construction
- 15.State of CT General Assembly re: Ponde Place
- 16.State of CT Dept. of Public Health re: Ponde Place
- 17.Notice of Scoping University of Connecticut Action for Additional Water Supply Source(s)
- 18.CCM Analysis: Adopted State Budget FY 2012 - FY 2013: Impacts on Towns and Cities
- 19.COST re: Mandates
- 20.theChronicle.com "Legislature OKs tech park funds"
- 21.Nation's Cities Weekly "University Communities Council Focuses on NLC's Agenda for Economic Growth" – 5-23-11

XII. FUTURE AGENDAS

The EHHD Wellness Program Coordinator will be invited to a future meeting to discuss her programs.

The Shifrins will be invited to a future meeting to discuss their Mansfield Hollow Energy Project.

EDR will be invited to a meeting in July or at the latest September to discuss their marketing plan.

A Water Workshop is being planned for a future Council meeting.

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to move into executive session to discuss the sale or purchase of real property, in accordance with CGS§1-200(6)(d) and to include Town Manager Matthew Hart and Director of Planning and Development Linda Painter.

The motion passed unanimously.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The sale or purchase of real property, in accordance with CGS§1-200(6)(d)

Present: Keane, Kochenburger, Lindsey, Moran, Paulhus, Ryan, Schaefer, Shapiro

Also included: Town Manager Matthew Hart and Director of Planning and Development Linda Painter.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The Town Council reconvened in regular session. Ms. Lindsey moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

Antonia Moran, Deputy Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk